

# Scraps of Wisdom

## Co-Presidents' Message "Celebrating Friendships"

Friendships begin when there is a common thread between people. We are a diverse group and our guild offers a valuable and unique opportunity for initiating and fostering friendship.

What is really important? Take a step back and think about the relationships - both old and new - that continue to be nurtured by belonging to our guild. Through our repeated shared activities, we have many opportunities to exchange ideas and personal feelings with each other (IE guild meetings, workshops, mini-retreats, days at Mannheim, Smile Bee days, etc.)

As we continue to meet and spend time together working on projects and such, ideas develop and friendships grow. They become like fabric - you can never accumulate enough.

It has often been said that friends are like quilts. They are a source of comfort and they stand the test of time (while they age with you). Quilting with friends will keep you in stitches thus providing health benefits as well.

Finally, we want you to know that in the crazy quilt of life, we are fortunate to have you in our block of friends,

Eileen Fennell and Kathy Langill



The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved in the guild.

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### Important Dates

November 19-21 Diane Loomis Workshops

## Riddle Answer

Congratulations to Susan Shillingford-Pearson for being so observant. The solution to "Eileen's is newer but Kathy's is bluer" is—our tattoos! Apparently we weren't as clever as we thought.

The best things  
in life  
are quilted

## ATTENTION: Members with a long arm business

In January we will be presenting our second "Focus on Quilting" program with a long arm quilting information session. We invite those members with a long arm business to contact us to register to share information with the membership at this meeting via a small table display. (Please note: pre-registration is required in order to participate.)

Elizabeth King & Elizabeth McDowell Heagy



Detail of centre row of Blues Sampler 2008, winner of Viewers Choice Award ~ Chelmsford Quilters Guild ©Diane Loomis

## “Listening to Your Quilts”

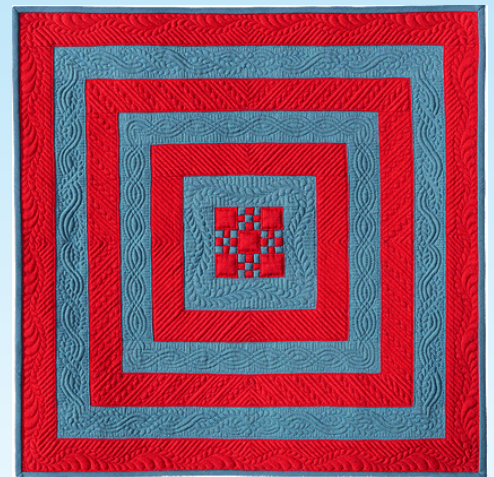
Diane Loomis, quilt artist and teacher extraordinaire, joins guild members and guests on November 18 with afternoon and evening presentations entitled, “Listening to your Quilts”. What does she mean? Diane suggests that most quilts have lessons to teach if you listen to them. Through her many quilts, quilt tops and machine quilting samples, Diane illustrates the different quilting styles she has explored over the years. You will see varied techniques including traditional hand and machine piecing, elaborate Baltimore Album hand applique, trapunto, and heirloom machine quilting. All of her quilts are quilted on her home sewing machine. Diane’s work truly is “art under the needle”.

Diane, whose intricate and stunning quilting designs will entice viewers to push themselves to attempt more complex designs, will also be teaching three days of domestic machine quilting workshops on Thursday, November 19 through Saturday, November 21 at Mannheim. Plan to attend the whole series, or one or two workshops by this multiple award-winning quilter. Thursday’s workshop is full but there is still room for you on Friday and Saturday

See more of Diane's beautiful work at <http://dianeloomisquilts.com>.

*Please note that the cost for Diane's presentations (1:30 and 7:00 p.m.) for non-members of the WCQG is \$15.00.*

***Enrolment is now invited from non-members of the WCQG at \$110 per course. Please register through the guild website.***



Square in Square 1 2010, 14" x 14", winner of Machine Quilting Excellence, Hon. Mention, a Quilters' Gathering, 2010; Lynn Harris Miniatures, Second place, National Quilters Society, 2011; Miniature Quilts, Third Place, Houston International Quilt Festival, 2011. Featured at numerous juried exhibits ©Diane Loomis

Darlene Yanke, Assistant Treasurer, is now writing cheques and preparing deposits working closely with Linda Collins, Treasurer. You may give funds to be deposited or expense reimbursement forms to either of them.



## Quilt Exhibit 2015: Wrap Up

We are now heading towards our quilt exhibit 2015 wrap-up meeting, Wed. Nov. 4 at Bonnie Murdoch's place. Please note NEW TIME & EATING ITEMS: 6:00 pm and please bring a pot luck dinner item by way of celebration. This will be the last you'll be hearing from us about our recently completed and successful quilt exhibit. (Although, stay tuned for info in 2016 as Bonnie and Ruthanne Snider start preparations for the 2017 exhibit!)

A thousand thank yous go out to EVERYONE who contributed in any, and many(!) ways to making our October 16th & 17th quilt exhibit one of the best ever! With the second highest attendance in the last 15 years, an increase in the number of quilts displayed (almost 200!), and a healthy profit (numbers still to be confirmed), we can all feel very proud to be members of this guild.

Please know that this exhibit could not have happened without your contributions. It was truly a well-oiled, and collaborative machine that worked together to set up, run and monitor, and take down an inspiring gathering of quilts. Newer quilters to more seasoned quilters, hand quilted items to long arm machine quilted items, modern to traditional, large to small, we had a bit of everything! Whether you contributed by volunteering on one of the 25+ committees that made the exhibit happen, volunteered on the quilt exhibit days, entered quilts to be displayed, distributed postcards, visited the exhibit or several of the above: thank you, thank you, thank you!

Just a few of the comments written by visitors to the exhibit:

- *"Absolutely amazing – stunning and beautiful"*
- *"Terrific – such talent and patience"*
- *"Wonderful! Love the stories behind the quilts"*
- *"Everything is so beautiful including the layout of the display itself"*
- *"Like visiting the art gallery – wonderful! Thank you"*
- *"Fabulous!! Thank you"*
- *"This is a great show. Thank you"*

We'll echo that sentiment. Thank you!

Signing off,  
Marg and Bonnie

## Quilt Exhibit Stats

There were:

- 470 votes for small wall quilts
- 328 votes for large wall quilts
- 924 votes for bed/lap quilts
- 70 votes for modern quilts
- 5 votes for "Other" (IE wool wall hangings, postcards, floor cloths)
- 129 votes for quilts made by a group or exchange

TOTAL VOTES 1951 2013—1168 VOTES

We had 20 Master Quilters contribute their work this year, in 2013 we had 11 Master Quilter contributors. There were no entries by members who have been quilting for less than 2 years.

82 guild members sharing their quilted treasures, an increase from 2013 when we had only 35 members show their efforts.

The committees with their volunteers, families, friends and the Air Cadets are to be commended for a very good show. Congratulations to the Viewers' Choice winners and all the guild members who contributed to the success of the exhibit.

- Charlene Stevens



## Viewers' Choice Awards

1st place winner in the general membership:

Silvia Cadman "You're the Star"



The Canadian Quilters Association rosette, a red ribbon, goes to the entry that received the most votes- and entitled to be called "Best in Show" AND will have her quilt pictured in the pages of the Canadian Quilters Magazine and online – **Susan Butler**. Her quilt is titled "**Insanity**", was entered in the General Quilter's category.



Kathy Langill and Susan Butler with "Insanity"

*"This quilt was a shop challenge by Sue Polera, owner of Thimbles & Things, Orillia, ON. They were to use the 'Itty Bitty Twister Ruler' from Primitive Gatherings to produce a queen size quilt. This was Susan's first challenge and she thought it was a good way to use up her stash. Many times she wished she hadn't started this project, but she couldn't stop. Her friends all said she was insane and that's the name for the quilt.*

*Four months later, she finished the top and presented it to Sue. The prize for the first person to complete the challenge was to have backing and batting supplied by Sue and custom quilted by Sandra McFadden. Susan won!. She was only one to complete the challenge."*

Ribbon yet to be awarded.

"You're the Star" detail



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# Honourable Mention ribbons go to...



Betteanne Nichols "Rhapsody of Bluebells & Roses"



Betteanne Nichols with her "A Song of Stars"



Eileen Fennell "Spring Bouquet"



Vikki MacDonald "Affairs of the Heart"

Please see page 13 for complete credits



### Honourable Mention Ribbons continued

Vikki MacDonald, "Dear Old Dead Aunt Jane"



### And for those Master Quilters...

whom we call on for assistance and look to for inspiration and motivation, the First Place Ribbon goes to Judy Pearce, for her quilt, entitled 'Hand in Hand'.



Judy and her mom at the exhibit with "Hand in Hand"

### Two Honourable Mentions



Above: Charlene Stevens with Elizabeth Schneider, "It All Began with 'One Hex'"



The Kwilt Connection, Master Quilters: Marg Notar, Judy Pearce, Dorothy Holdenmeyer, Ilene Atkins & Nancy Winn, for their quilt, titled "Spur of the Moment".

It also received the 'Best Group Quilt' in the Grand National Quilt Show.

Ilene Atkins, Master Quilter for her quilt titled "Sisters" pictured on the left.

It should be also noted at this time that Judy Pearce's quilt "Crisp January Morning" received a very significant number of votes and is pictured on page 13.

Please see page 13 for complete credits





## Hand Quilting – Our Second “Focus on Quilting”

**Please note:** sign-up and deposit will occur at our November meetings **only** and these workshops will not be offered to non-members. Workshops will require a minimum enrolment of 10 participants in order to proceed.



**Workshop leader:** Emily Hunsberger

**Dates/times:** 1. Friday, Feb. 12, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

2. Saturday, Feb. 13, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**Location:** Stanley Park Community Church, if available

**Cost:** full day - \$35; half day - \$22

Non-refundable Deposit: \$10 each course (Deposit will be returned if the class is cancelled)

“In the half-day session, participants will hit the highlights and squeeze in as much information as possible, plus have a chance to quilt. In the full day session, I will be able to talk more slowly.

There will be time to demonstrate pinning a quilt into a traditional frame and to practise the actual quilting. There will also be more time for questions. Sitting and working together around a quilt, participants will get a better idea why this is so rewarding.” - Emily Hunsberger

Elizabeth McDowell Heagy & Elizabeth King

If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary,  
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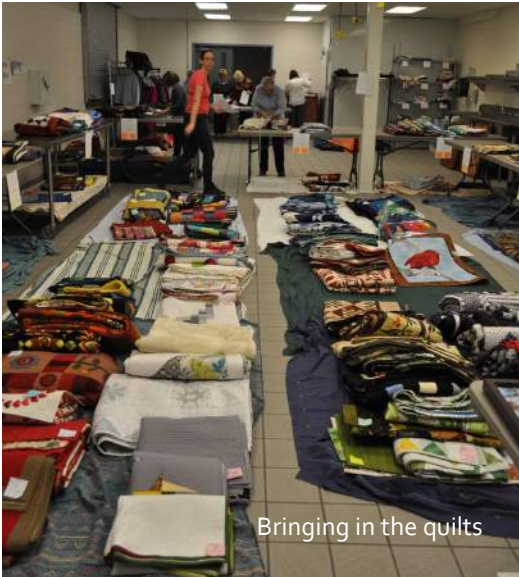
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The Tea Room

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**NESTY: Not Even Started Yet**  
**OWLS: Our Wonderful Leftover Stuff**

Registration has been completed. Sixty projects are entered this year. That means there will be 2 prizes of \$60 each plus the bonus draw. Good luck to all and please remember to let us know at the program table when you are showing your completed quilt.

- Judy Siegner



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## **Mannheim Quilting/Sewing Circle**

**Wednesday November 11, 2015 - 9am to 4pm**

First of all, a huge **Thank You** to **Bernice Gammy** and **Fabia Joyce**, who coordinated our Mannheim Sewing Circle for so many years. Bernice and Fabia made Mannheim a fun place to be – their shoes will be hard to fill!

Beginning in November, Megan Stauch and Tamara Gilhuly will be your hosts at Mannheim. Enjoy a relaxing day with quilting friends while working on the project of your choice. (Maybe you'll want to tackle some of those holiday projects and gifts on your to-do list?!)

Tea and coffee will be served. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch. A \$4 donation helps cover the cost of the room rental. All are welcome— check your guild handbook for directions to the Mannheim Community Centre.

Mannheim dates for the remainder of this guild year: December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th & June 8th.

## **HELP WANTED!**

We are still looking for a someone or two to do program co-ordinating. We will help and, as a team, we can get the guests YOU want. Or we will all be sitting there looking at each other with no guest speakers at all. Looking forward to talking with you

Kathy Langill and Eileen Fennell

## **PAL QUILTS:**

### **Palliative Quilts for Lisaard and Innisfree House**

Please refer to your members' handbook for the guidelines or contact Judy Siegner for further information. Your donated quilts for this project will be received at the program table following Show and Tell.





## Smile Quilts

Here are some of the Smile Quilts displayed in the Tea Room at our exhibit



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**RAFFLE QUILT CHALLENGE**

# Thirty Shades of Green



In 2016 the International Plowing Match will be close by near Teviotdale in Wellington County. Guild members are invited to submit a block for the 2016 Raffle Quilt Competition. Brochures, outlining the rules and submission date, were handed out at the June and September meeting. More information is available online: [www.plowingmatch.org/home-2016](http://www.plowingmatch.org/home-2016) or you can phone Renske Helmuth at 519-343-5312.

Entries must be submitted no later than November 30th 2015.

They can be given to Renske at the October and November meetings or delivered to the home of Carol Huehn, where they will be picked up.

There will be a quilt show August 19 and 20, 2016 in Harriston. Information for entries in this show can also be found at [www.plowingmatch.org/home-2016](http://www.plowingmatch.org/home-2016). Brochures are available at the bulletin board.

We are looking for two fun loving ladies to work with us as **vice presidents**. As you have seen, it doesn't take a lot of talent or experience. If we can do it, so can YOU! Grab your friend and give us a call.

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This year we will be collecting for this organization at both the October and November meetings. They provide support for youth ages 12 - 25 who are experiencing or are at risk for homelessness. Their website's wish list includes bus tickets, gift cards (Zehrs, Sobeys, Walmart), hygiene articles and toiletries such as lip balm and deodorant, as well as monetary donations. oneROOF is a registered charity and tax receipts are available. Cheques can be made out to oneROOF, and will be sent to 242 Queen St. S. Kitchener ON, N2G 1W3.



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# “Focus on Quilting”

## Program Outline 2015 -2016

**November** - Diane Loomis, Sudbury, MA, brings us “Listening to your Quilts”, the first of our “Focus on Quilting” events. Her 3 workshops span beginner to advanced levels of quilting.

December - No meeting this month - Happy Holidays!

**January** - A Longarm Expo is the second “Focus on Quilting” event. Marilyn Farquhar will be our organizer for this learning experience.

**February** - We look forward to mini workshops, lecture style, with some of our own members, plus a machine care talk by Vernon Knorr from Creekbank Sewing. Our third “Focus on Quilting” is hand quilting and Emily Hunsberger will organize hand-quilting workshops this month.

**March** - Nancy Wells, Guelph, ON, will share her beautiful appliquéd quilts in “My Appliquéd Journey”.

**April** - Carol Seeley, Campbell River, BC, is accomplished in many genres of quilting. In addition to presenting “My Quilting Journey”, Carol will conduct 3 landscape/seascape workshops.

**May** - Dorothy Fu, from the Toronto area, will discuss her diverse quilting interests, from hand quilting to machine quilting, from traditional work to portraiture and from piecing to machine appliquéd, during her informative trunk show.

June - Annual meeting, evening meeting only



### Elected Officers of the Guild 2015-2016

Co-Presidents: Kathy Langill & Eileen Fennell

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Linda Collins

Assistant Treasurer: Darlene Yanke

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Program 2017-2018: Vacant chair

Glenda Dippel and Ulka Khare

Quilt Exhibit: Bonnie Murdoch & Marg Notar

Website: Kathy Bissett

## Quilting Months Ahead

Month	Day	Activity
November	4	Exhibit Wrap-Up Meeting for Chairs and Committee members at Bonnie's
November	11	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
November	14	Smile Bee Day at Mannheim
November	18	Regular Guild Meetings
November	19,20,21	Domestic Machine Quilting Workshops with Diane Loomis
December	9	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
December	16	No guild meetings—Merry Christmas!
January	13	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
January	20	Regular Guild Meetings
February	12,13	Hand quilting workshops with Emily Hunsberger

Our website: <http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/>





Judy Pearce "Crisp January Morning"

## Credit where credit is due...

**You're the Star** - design: "Feathered Star" by Hoopsisters in collaboration with Sharon Schamber, Embroidablock of the Month Class: Triangle Sewing, Joanne Alderson, pieced and quilted by Silvia Cadman, page 4

**Spring Bouquet** - designed by Edyta Sitar, applied by Eileen Fennell, quilted by Linda Weinstein, Creative Sisters Quilt Studio, page 5

**Affairs of the Heart** - designed by Aie Rossman, applied by Vikki MacDonald, quilted by Cheryl Czaplinski, Sew Unique Quilting, Campbellcroft, ON, page 5

**Dear Old Dead Aunt Jane** - blocks designed by Jane Stickle, border designed by Linda Johnson, pieced by Vikki MacDonald, quilted by Cheryl Czaplinski, Sew Unique Quilting, Campbellcroft, ON, page 6

**True North** - block based on 'Canada Star' from Carol Doak's book "Mariner Compass Stars" (used with permission), pictured below

# THE RAFFLE QUILT



Bonnie Murdoch & Tamara Gilhuly holding the raffle quilt with Cicilia Smith & Jacqueline Tate. Jacqueline was the designer and project manager and, along with Cicilia & Audrey Vrooman, was responsible for the assembly. Numerous guild members constructed the blocks, Peggy Nagle did the custom machine quilting and Jean Carberry did the binding.

Don't forget about the

## Library Challenge

Details in the September newsletter



Judy Siegner & Janet Willard (Development Director of Lisaard House & Innisfree House) look on as Albert Martin of St Jacobs draws the winning ticket



Linda Collins, Bonnie Murdoch, Marg Notar and Cathy Zurbrigg, who sold the winning ticket, in the name of her daughter, Sandy Zurbrigg, who lives in a log cabin near North Bay. Look for more information regarding how much money was raised for Innisfree House in the January newsletter.